EXHIBIT B

Application for Certificate of Authority to Transact Business in Illinois

Form **LLC-45.5**

January 1999

Jesse White Secretary of State Department of Business Services Limited Liability Company Division Room 359, Howlett Building Springfield, IL 62756 http://www.sos.state.il.us

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Illinois **Limited Liability Company Act**

Application for Admission to Transact Business

Submit in Duplicate

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Date Assigned File #

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1.Li	mited Liability Company n	ame:	Ascendt (Must comp	e1, LLC oly with Section	1-10 of ILL	CA or artic	le 2 below applies	s.)
2.	The assumed name, othe business in Illinois is: (If applicable, a form LLC-1.20, application.)							
3.	Federal Employer Identifi	cation Numl	ber (F.E.I.N	l.): <u>36-4</u>	430418			
4.	Jurisdiction of Organization	on:I	llinois				<u> </u>	
5.	Date of Organization:	03-14-	2001			····		
6.	Period of Duration:	100	years	(See #14	on back)		·	
7.	The address, including organization, or if not required unacceptable):	county, of the uired, of the	he office re principal p	equired to be lace of busi	oe mainta ness (Pos	ined in it office	the jurisdictio box alone and	n of its c/o are
	524 15th	St.						
	(Number)	{	Street)				(Suite)	
	Moline IL (City/State)		61265 (ZIP Code)				Island (County)	
8.	Registered agent: Kri		Dā (Mladik	awn e Name)		Har	ris (Last Name)	A
	Registered Office: 52	<u>4 15th S</u> er)		Ctreet)			(Suite #)	
	(P.O. Box or c/o <u>Mol</u> are unacceptable) (City)	ine	Rock]	Island County)	Illinois		61265 (ZIP Code)	
9.	The date on which this	oreign LLC	first did bu	usiness in II	linois:			

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10. The purpose or purposes for which the company is organized and proposes to conduct in this State: Include the business code # (IRS Form 1065).

Competitive Local Exchange Carrier Business Code # 513300

11. The limited liability company is managed by:

□ manager(s)

∀ested in member(s)

- 12. The Illinois Secretary of State is hereby appointed the agent of the limited liability company for service of process under the circumstances set forth in a subsection (b) of Section 1-50 of the ILLCA.
- 13. This application is accompanied by a certificate of good standing or existence, as well as a copy of the articles of organization, as amended, duly authenticated within the last thirty (30) days, by the officer of the state or country wherein the LLC is formed.
- 14. If the period of duration is a date certain and is not stated in the Articles of Organization from the domestic state, a copy of that page from the Operating Agreement stating the date must also be submitted.
- 15. The undersigned affirms, under penalties of perjury, having authority to sign hereto, that this application for admission to transact business is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete.

Dated April 24 , 2001 .

(Month/Day) (Year)

(Signature) (Signature) (Signature must comply with Section 5-45 of ILLCA)

Kristina D. Harris President (Type or print name and titte)

(If applicant is a company or other entity, state name of company and indicate whether it is a member or manager of the LLC.)